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1. The crude construction work on Hall 56 in the Pirna-Sonnenstein construction project was completed as of July 1955. Hall 56 is located nearest to the Elbe. Hall 50 was under construction and was about half-finished as of July 1955; the individual beams and supports have already been erected and only the brick-laying remains to be done.
2. On about 15 July, Soviet engineers in civilian clothes were once again observed inspecting the Pirna-Sonnenstein construction project. The group of Soviet engineers consisted of seven men.
3. The Pirna-Sonnenstein project has at its disposal 300 dwellings in its own compound (Wohnviertel) in Dresden. These are in addition to the hotels, inns, and requisitioned dwellings in Pirna and vicinity.
4. Bau-Union Sued has been ordered to start preparations immediately for the construction of an additional 750 dwellings for the Pirna-Sonnenstein project. This was announced at a meeting of the Bau-Union Sued held in mid-July 1955. All 750 dwellings are to be especially comfortable, since they are to house the specialists who will work at Pirna-Sonnenstein. The city of Pirna has been ordered to requisition the necessary amount of land and has invited landowners to a meeting at which the requisition of property will be announced. Finances for the project are to be calculated at a later date and then incorporated into the 1956 budget.

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